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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002 (Paper No. 3), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims

Please rewrite claim 4 and add claims 8 and 9 as follows:

4. (Amended) The arbitration method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the secondary-side buses include a plurality of card buses, the method comprising:

performing a first arbitration operation between the serial bus and at least two of the card buses when access demands are lodged from the serial bus and also from the at least two of the card buses; and